

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the second sentence of the first full paragraph in the "Cross References to Related Applications" section as follows:

This is a continuation of U.S. Pat. No. 6,688,888, issued on February 10, 2004, co-  
~~pending U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/656,390, filed on September 6, 2000,~~ which is a  
continuation of U.S. Pat. No. 6,139,330, issued on October 31, 2000, which is a  
continuation-in-part application of the following patents: